



July 31, 2009

Dear Service and Volunteerism Supporter,

I am writing to you today to ask for your help in constructing Illinois' State Service Plan for 2010-2013. The development of Illinois' State Service Plan will be the first step in promoting an ethic of service here in Illinois.

In accordance with the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, the Serve Illinois Commission will develop the State Service Plan through an open and public process. To ensure that all Illinoisans can contribute to their service plan, **the Commission will be hosting a series of listening sessions throughout the Land of Lincoln.**

All those who wish to contribute and help develop our State Service Plan will be able to make public comment about the direction of service and volunteerism. It will also provide an opportunity to learn about the Serve America Act. The listening sessions will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the following locations:

**August 31, 2009 – Northwest IL**

Kishwaukee College  
Room A-247  
21193 Malta Road  
Malta, IL 60150

**September 1, 2009 - Chicago**

Metcalf Building  
Room 331  
77 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604

**September 9, 2009 – Springfield**

IDOT Auditorium  
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764

**September 15, 2009 - Mt Vernon**

Rend Lake College  
Room 354 A & B  
327 Potomac Blvd  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

If you are unable to attend one of the Listening Sessions, we welcome you to provide written feedback. You can submit written feedback by email or fax to Scott McFarland. Mr. McFarland's email address is [Scott.McFarland@illinois.gov](mailto:Scott.McFarland@illinois.gov) and the fax number is 217-557-0515. The facilitation questions will be posted on the Serve Illinois website at [www.Serve.Illinois.gov](http://www.Serve.Illinois.gov). The link will be available in the "Spotlight" section of the homepage.

Please make plans to join us for these listening sessions on service.

Sincerely,

Ted Gibbs  
Executive Director

